

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action dated October 4, 2006 is respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 18 – 22, 27, 28, and 34-45 have been examined. Claims 1, 2, 7 – 9, 18, 20 – 22, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,085,562 (“van Lintel”); Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 18, 20 – 22, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Microfluidics—a review (“Gravesen”); Claims 1, 2, 7 – 9, 18, 20 – 22, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Smallest Dead Volume Microvalves for Integrated Chemical Analyzing Systems (“Shoji”); and Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 18, 20 – 22, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Modular Concept for Fluid Handling Systems (“Lammerink”). Claims 34-45 have been allowed.

Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 9, 18 – 22, 27 and 28 have been canceled herein making the rejections moot. Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 34-45 and thank the Examiner for the consideration of these claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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